

Amendment to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on Page 1, above line 1:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[001] Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 10 2004 008 283.9 filed February 18, 2004. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §365 of PCT/DE2005/000276 filed February 18, 2005. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

On Page 1, between paragraph [01] and paragraph [02], please insert the following paragraph:

2. Description of the Related Art

On Page 1, please replace the second paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

[02] ~~When opening~~ Opening the fastening tape on a diaper to put the diaper on or take it off, ~~this regularly involves the task of~~ gripping an end of the fastening tape ~~at the end~~ using one's fingers and pulling the fastening tape away from the surface of the diaper ~~cooperating~~ that cooperates with the tape or away from a release tape on the surface of the diaper. ~~To this end~~ As a

result, a fastening tape often has a protruding section which extends as the "free end" beyond the closing area of ~~such a~~ the tape. ~~It is proposed in EP 0 840 585 B1~~ discloses that for fastening tapes with a closing area and a protruding section it is especially favorable from a manufacturing standpoint to make a wavy cut along the machine transport direction to sever the strips of tape during production. The wavy cut results in a tape having a wavy end with a plurality of wavy heads, with a protruding section being formed on each wavy head on the wavy end of the tape.

On Page 2, between paragraph [05] and paragraph [06], please insert the following paragraph:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On Page 13, before the first full paragraph [34], please insert the following paragraph:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On Page 13, please replace the third full paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 2 shows schematically the diaper fastening tape strips from Figure 1 and a cutting line along which the diaper fastening tape strips from Figure 1 are separated in production,

On Page 13, please replace the sixth full paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figures 6a through 6d show various exemplary embodiments of the invention in detail according to the exemplary characterization detail area IV in Figure 3. Figure 6e is a combination of Figures 6a and 6b.

On Page 13, before paragraph [35], please insert the following paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

On Page 17, between paragraphs [46] and [47], please insert the following new paragraph:

[46.5] Figure 6e is a combination of Figures 6a and 6b. This Figure 6e shows a protruding section 14 with a film 22a with numerous macroscopic perforation spots 23a providing a macroscopic surface structure to the film 22a, imparting a first high grip traction to this part of the protruding section 14. Second, this fastening tape has a wavy film 31a applied to the tape edge 16a. The film 31a is a strip approximately 5 mm wide running directly along edge 16a of the tape over its entire length. This also yields a grip edge 32a that is easy to grip. The film strip 31a has numerous ridges 33a and valleys 34a, providing for a second macroscopically structured surface.